Valyut-5 opens "post office" SCOW, Feb. 19 (R). — The two Soviet cosmonants ting earth in the Salynt-5 laboratory have started st office in space, Soviet television reported today.

t engineer Yuri Glazkov told viewers in a broadcast I Salyut that they had taken along stamps and en-pes, together with a specially-made postmark with motif "Space post, on board Salyut-5." There were a keen stamp collectors among their cosmonaut colres, Glazkov explained. He and mission commander ar Gorbatko, who was shown postmarking some of stamps, have been aboard Salyut for 10 days doing b research into the effects of weightlessness.

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Bank of England team in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Feh. 19 (R). — The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr. Gordon Richardson, had talks here today with Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Goreishi, Governor of the Saudi Monetary Agency. British sources said that during his week-long visit Mr. Richardson would outline British proposals for offering foreign currency bonds to replace official holdings of sterling balances in London. Mr. Richardson, who arrived here last night accompanied by Mr. Christopher McMahon, the Bank of England's Executive Director for Overseas Affairs, will also discuss the international \$3 hillion stand-by credit to help Britain cover any withdrawals of official starling halances held by foreign governments in London, the sources added. They said the two bankers would later visit Kuwait.

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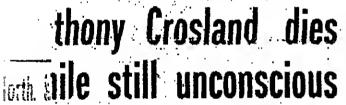
1 (INA). — His Majesty King Hassein Saturday evening it to the nation, saying that society will progress only if s citizens who believe in their duty and are ready for ervice, aware of their responsibilities, disciplined and ve. Jordan requires the spirit of work, sacrifice, solidarity readiness to take and carry our responsibility. Majesty was commenting on the situation at Tafileh hos-Will the events that led to the tragic death of Her Majesty Iva.

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Majesty expressed his thanks to the people of Jordan rue feelings in their condolences on the death of his dear (Abon, the wife, the mother and the humane Queen, who did to serve her people and help His Majesty.
Nichildren, Ali, Haiya and Abeer, ask why their mother is ming, he said. Queen Alya did not go to Tafileh because ammad Al Bashir had failed to visit it. He had already four times since becoming Minister of Health. Nor did He with the director of the hospital, who came from work with us. Nor was it due to a lack of equipment, the automate was incomplete. The problem at the hospital. the equipment was incomplete. The problem at the hoses out of our actual situation.

rm starts from within every individual and organisations on and backed by the faith of individuals, their sense sibility and their readiness to work together, he stressed. e are many qualified doctors who are not prepared to fileh hospital, who are not prepared to put up with tem-ardship. Yet there are foreigners who come to help us ... under a sense of duty -- who are prepared to bear even ardship

so not grow and develop by constructing buildings, sequipment, or increasing the number of graduates. They develop when they bring up responsible citizens who ys ready to serve out of conviction from within.

ys ready to serve out of conviction from within. then will our martyrs rest in peace and will they serve on for others, the King stated. Only then will the martyr-Jueen Alya, with whom I spent the richest days of my that of Mohammad Al Bashir, who was a paragon of nd determination in the service of his country; and of ne Zaza, my personal escort, who has been decorated for valour for his engagement of enemy aircraft; and of d Alkhass, the faithful young man wounded while doing during the 1967 war; only then will these martyrdoms ne to answer my sons' questions about why the martyrs en.



The late British Foreign Secre-

negotiating with trade union

leaders over an extension for a third year of the so-called Social Contract, the voluntary

agreement to limit wage incre-ases whose importance is re-

garded as vital for Britain's ec-

It was thought possible that Mr. Callaghan could npt for

a holding operation, putting fo-

reign affairs in the hands of se-nior Foreign Office officials un-der Minister of State David

Owen until the end of March.

The prime minister was to-day due to travel from his

parliamentary constituency in Cardiff, Wales. to Chequers, his official country residence

Government sources said a

cabinet reshuffle was not ex-

pected to be announced over

the weekend, nor was a new

foreign secretary expected to

Carr, his voice breaking with

The Uganda government has said that Archbishop Jawani Luwum, Land Minister Erenayo Wilson Oryema and Internal

Minister Arphaxed Charles

Oboth-Ofumbi, were killed in a car crash. All three had been

accused of complicity in a plot

"I have heard two reports

"One says that he was shot

against President Idi Amin.

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tary Mr. Anthony Crosland



His Majesty King Hussein, flanked by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Mudar Badran, engages in a friendly exchange with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (directly across the table). To Mr. Vance's right is U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, to his left is Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Philip Habib. (JNA photo).

After meeting de Guiringaud Assad: Mideast peace not likely in 1977, "secure borders" a myth

DAMASCUS, Feh. 19 (R). DAMASCUS, Feh. 19 (R), — Syrian President Hafez Assad said today he did not believe a Middle East peace settlement would be reached this year.

would be reached this year. Should the Geneva peace conference reconvene, it would certainly not achieve its objec-tives in 1977, he told reporters after just over two hours of talks with French Foreign Mini-

ster Louis de Guiringaud. "Who knows ? Other phenomena may appear than those we see now," he added without so that the legal cuthorities can dispense with our assistance as is necessary."

soon as possible. "Then we will be quite willing to withdraw our forces from Lebanon to enable them to resume their normal duties." The president said the ques-tion of southern Lebanon was separate from the Middle East crisis as a whole, hecause the troubles in Lebanon began only two years ago while the Pales-

rall peace, because peace

Official sources said after M. de Guiringaud's meeting with Mr. Khaddam that the two ministers concentrated on the urgent need to find a solution to the region's prohlems.

They discussed how efforts to achieve this could be extended and pushed forward, and the possibility of reaching pea-ce on the basis of United Na-

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meets

Vance: King Hussein to meet Carter in April

RIYADH, Feh. 19. (Agencies) - U.S. Secretary of State Cy-rus Vance arrived here today with a hriefcase already hulging with views gleaned from Arab and Israeli leaders on ways of resuming the Geneva Mi-

ddle East peace conference. Official U.S.-Jordan talks at the Hashemiya palace were concluded Saturday. They were interspersed hy a private meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and the secretary of state. The talks reviewed the Middle East issue, as well as prospects for the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference. The secretary of state exten-

ded an invitation to King Hussein from Prasident Jimmy Carter to visit the United States. Mr. Vance announced that the King had accepted the inviation and would meet President

Carter in April. During the talks King Hussein reaffirmed Jordan's supp-ort for Middle East peace eff-orts aimed at a just and dur-able peace based on the Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories, securing Pales-tinlans' rights and reciprocal

peace guarantees. His Majesty called for an independent Palestinian participation at the Geneva conference. He also called on the U.S. to exert efforts to get peace

efforts moving again. Bilateral political and economic relations between Jordan and the U.S. were also revie-Wed

The Jordan News Agency quoted Jordanian circles as saying that the discussions were extensive, frank and fruitful. The two sides agreed to continue contacts and consultations on future steps towards peace

Participants on the Jordanlan si

rated hy an Egyptian proposal earlier this week that a Pales-tinian-Jordanian confederation be established before new ne-

He says as he leaves for Riyadh

Solutions reopen. King Husseln did not comple-tely rule out the Egyptian pro-posal, hut believed other suggestions would also have to be considered. The officials said he discussed various alternatives, but they declined to give any details.

They said King Hussein ma-de clear that the Egyptian pro-posal, similar to one he made himself several years ago, was only one of several aimed at overcoming the principal stum-hling block to a resumed Geneva conference -- the question of Palestinian participation.

Saudi Arahia is the fifth stop on Mr. Vance's six-nation Middle East fact-finding tour and, although questions ranging from oil prices to pending U.S. legislation against the Arab ho-ycott of Israel may come up, the focus of his talks with Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz is expected to be the over-all Middle Fast cituation all Middle East situation.

Saudi leaders, who consider themselves guardians of the Islamic faith, have consistently demanded that Israel rescind its

annexation of Jerusalem as part of a Middle East settlement. Their diplomatic weight in Middle East affairs has expand-

ed greatly in recent years. They have also been an im-portant factor in efforts to coordinate the Arah position on the central procedural question in any Middle East peace talks - the role and future of the Palestinian movement.

Mr. Vance's arrival was pre-ceded here, as in Cairo earlier this week, by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who is consulting Arah leaders.

Mr. Vance has been gather-ing proposals in each capital, not all of them expected. One new idea disclosed hy a U.S. official ahoard Mr. Vance's plane today was the sounding of Lehanon on whether it might join the talks.

Mr. Vance told Lebanese of-ficials the United States could see no reason they should be absent, because Lebanon had a hasic interest in regional peace and in the resolution of the Palestinian issue.

But Lebanese President Elias Sarkis was also told that any invitation would have to be agreed upon by all the participants of the original meeting in December, 1973 -- Israel, Jor-dan and Egypt under the co-chairmanship of the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Prior to Mr. Vance's arrival here, Saudi officials had indi-cated that further Saudi restr-int in raising oil prices after hreaking the Organisation of Patroleum Exporting Countries Petroleum Exporting Countries uniform pricing system last De-cember was linked with making real progress towards a Mid-die East peace settlement. But Mr. Vance, who is engag-

ed in a detailed examination of peace proposals before trying to recommend any framework, is expected to be able to make a convincing case during his talks here that a serious effort is being made to resolve the conflict.

DN, Feb. 19 (AFP). -preign Secretary Anth-land died in an Oxford today, six days after a stroke from which recovered conscious-

> ath of the 58-year-old arty theoretician pos-al urgent political and c problems for Prime James Callaghan, wh-Crosland succeeded at ign Office last year. reign secretary, in less car in office, played a in the formulation of national policy of the Economic Community articularly concerning

t relations and the ty's links with the new iministration in the bates. budget, due to be presented to parliament on March 29, and

time he suffered his Ir. Crosland was worthe Rhodesia problem arch for a new British-1 peace initiative and serving as chairman of Council of Ministers. the next Council of r meeting on March 7 fr. Crosland was to to Washington for m March 10 to 12 with Carter in preparation icial economic summit

11 around mid May. allaghan was expected it a new foreign secreiost immediately ---is on the lips of most is was that of Chancele exchequer Denis He-

> pointment would of require a full-scale eshuffle and a new r-would face the dual preparing the spring be named.

can churchman: Uganda archbishop was shot

emotion.

I, Feb 19, (R). - A rch official announced at tha archbishop of killed with two cabisters on Wednesday, a secretly buried and he had received rehad been shot.

Burgess Carr, Secreseral of the all Africa ce of Churches told a news conference of what happened to the arch-bishop," said Canon Carr. ved the secret burial ; he body had been dis-

* : h: 10 to prevent its condi-Ag seen. at Luzira Prison and his body not know what the burned. The other is that he but one thing is now was shot and his body crushed - he was not killed in by running a heavy vehicle accident," said Canon . over it."

elaborating. M. de Guiringand also had separate meetings today with premier Abdul Rahman Kbleifa-

wi and his host, Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam. President Assad also took ises to Cairo.

sue with Israel's concept of secure borders, declaring that in the geographic sense they did not exist in this day and age. M. de Guiringaud had called

in a speech here last night for secure, recognised and guaranteed borders for every state in the region.

President Assad said that with modern weapons such as missiles, fighter aircraft and artillery, the concept of secure geographic borders was outmoded. There are many instances of battles to illustrate this point.

He cited the Syrian thrust down the Golan Heights and the Egyptian crossing of the Suez Canal at the start of the 1973 war as examples to show that what Israel viewed as secure borders were not so. He remarked that "Secure

borders do not mean that Israel should occupy land in order to defend itself."

The president called on Israel to withdraw from territories occupied in 1967 and restore Palestinian rights. Tngether with political and international guarantees such action might provide secure horders, he add-

President Assad was asked if he was willing to sign a peace treaty with Israel and to end the state of belligerency with. Israel should it withdraw be-

hind its pre-1967 borders. He replied that U.N. Security Council resolutions on this were clear and called for withdrawal from all occupied territories, the restoration of the Palestinians' national rights and an end to the state of war.

This was what Syria was trying to achieve, he added.

President Assad said he had exchanged views with M. de Guiringaud on "more than one subject, above all the Israeli occupation of Arab land and what should be done to put an end to this."

"We are all working for a peace which will give every side its rights," he added. He emphasised the importan-

ce of France and the European community playing a funda-mental role in the search for peace.

Asked when Syrian forces would pull out of Lebanon the president replied : "We want to see security restored in Lebanon and Lebanese institutions performing their duties in full.

tinian problem started 28 years ago. He did not explain further. added.

M. de Guiringaud conferred bere yesterday with Mr. Kha-led Al Fahoum, speaker of the clusions they reached. Palestinian National Council A senior PLO official commented to Reuters here that at and he may meet the head of the PLO's foreign hureau. Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, when he gopresent "it does not seem to

Official sources here said the foreign ministers of France and Svria devoted much of their attention today to the European-Arah dialogue, and pledged their countries to continue supporting it and endeavour to clear away obstacles on its pa-

In his speech at last night's dinner given in his honour hy Mr. Khaddam, M. de Guiring-aud spoke of the "privileged situation" of the France and Syria in the two regions, and urged that they work to increase the links between them.

M. de Guiringaud explained to a press cooference later in what way France was optimistic for progress towards peace in the Middle East this year. "Conditinns are better than in preceding years. This means that we must look for solutinns," he said.

Replying the a question about France's definition of Palestinian rights, he said that for the French they consisted of "the right to have a fatherland, like all other peoples." He defined France's view of

secure frontiers as those which were recognised by hoth parties concerned.

Asked about the role of France and Western Europe in the region, he said : "Peace in the Middle East does not depend on the European community, nnr on France. It depends on parties involved.

"What we can do is to convince the parties directly cooc-erned to look for ways tn ove-nf his Middle East tour. vince the parties directly cooc-

Clifford completes Athens talks

ATHENS, Feh. 19 (R). -President Carter's special en-voy Clark Clifford has completed talks here centring on effcrts to settle the Greece-Turkey dispute affecting NATO's defence capability in the eastern Mediterranean.

Ankara tomorrow and then Nicosia for similar talks, a leading Greek politician said the two issues dividing Greece and Turkey -- Cyprus and a territorial dispute over the Aegean Sea -- were completely deadlocked.

Mr. George, Mayros, head of

the Union of the Democratic ford had been scheduled to Centre, Greece's main opposisee Foreign Minister Demitrios tion party, said in a statement Bitsio: today but the meeting that the problem of the Aegehad been cancelled because an, whose mineral riches are most of the issues were coversought by both countries, can only be solved through intered at a working dinner last night. national law. And the solu-Mr. Clifford's mission is to tion of the cyprus problem lay assess the role the United Stonly in immediate fulfillment of Greek demands for the withdrawal of Turkish troops and the return of Greek-Cypriot refugees to their homes in the Turkish-held part of the island,

A Greek government spokes-man said today that Mr. Clif-

tions resolutions, the sources wn Prince Hassan, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Ro-It was not revealed what conyal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Minister of Court Amer Khammash, Commander-in-Ch-ief of the Jordanian Armed Forces General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Minister of State for be realistic" to hope for a Ge-Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibraneva conference on the basis him, and Jordan Ambassador in

Washington Abdalla Salah. Prime Minister Mudar Badran told the Jordan News Agency that Mr. Vance's visit to Jordan was fruitful. He said Mr. Vance had delivered to King Hussein a written message from President Carter in which he emphasises the friendly and sound relations hetween Jordan and the United States.

Prime Minister Badran affir-med that the United States has a principal role to play towards the successful reconvening of the Geneva conference.

Prior to his departure from Amman, Mr. Vance told reporters at the airport that his talks with King Hussein and his advisers were "extremely useful in clarifying my understanding nf the starting point for a resumption of peace negotiations."

He affirmed what he described as "the close and harmonious relationships" between Jordan and the United States. He affirmed his country's commitment to help Jordan achieve economic progress and said he looked forward to further cooperation in the pursuit of peace.

The secretary of state again commended King Hussein's moderating influence in the region.

Among the points that arose during the discussions according to U.S. officials aboard his plane here from Amman, was a warning from King Hussein of the dangers of overoptimism.

This was apparently an effort to offset any hopes gene-

will link Jordan, Palestinian state

Arafat: Special ties

KUWAIT, Feh. 19 (AFP). — Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said here today that "special ties" would govern relations between Jordan and a future independent Palestinian state.

Mr. Arafat said on arrival in Kuwait from the Saudi capital Riyadh this afternoon that "We agreed at the 1967 Arab summit conference in Riyadh that a special relationship should exist be-tween Jordan and the independent Palestinian state that would be set up in the future.

Mr. Arafat was answering questions from reporters on President Anwar Sadat's cell for the establishment of official ties he-tween Jordan and the future Palestinian state.

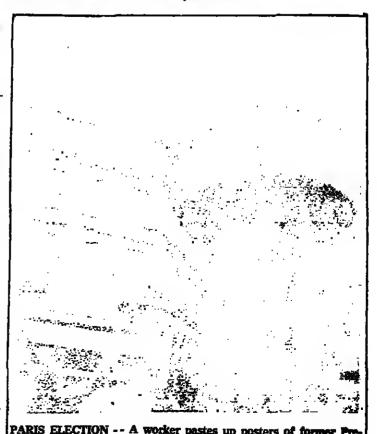
Mr. Arafat told reporters the Palestine cause was "passing through a very sensitive and important phase" but he was confident its forward march would not be interrupted.

Prinr to his departure from Riyadh, Mr. Arafat said it would be premature for the PLO to take a stand on reconvening the Geneva peace talks.

Radio Riyadh quoted the PLO leader as saying that his organisation would decide what to do ahout peace talks when they were invited to attend.

Mr. Arafat told the radio "we are ready to create a Palestinian state on any area of Palestine that is freed from Israeli occupation.'

The PLO chief expressed the hope that United States Secre-tary of State Cyrus Vance, now in Saudi Arabia on his Middle East fact-finding tour, would understand that the Palestinian issue was at the heart of the Arab-Israeli dispute.



PARIS ELECTION -- A worker pastes up posters of former Pre-PARIS ELECTION -- A worker pastes up posters of torner rre-mier Jacques Chirac, a candidate in the March 13 and 20 French municipal elections, on a billboard column in down-town Paris Friday. Chirac who is President of the gaullist Rassemblement pour la Republique (R.P.R.) party is a candidate in the Fifth District of the French capital. (AP wirephoto).

But as he prepared to fly to

ates can play in helping settle the Cypriot issue and perhaps bring Greece back into NATO's military structure. The spokesman said Mr. Clifford might stop over in Athens for a final round of talks be-fore returning to Washington to report to President Carter.

he declared.

Lebanese foreign minister

of resolution 242.

BEIRUT, Feh. 19 (R). — The Lehanese Minister for Defence and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Fuad Butros, had two hours of talks today with the Soviet Foreign Ministry's chief of Middle East affairs, Mr. Mikhael Sytenko and Soviet Ambassadnr Alexander Soldatov.

After the meeting, Mr. Butros told raporters that : "the dis-cussion was only political and did not touch nn questions of

"We studied with Mr. Syten-kn and Mr. Soldatov the situa-tion of the region and the stage reached in present contacts to find a solution to the Middle East crisis," he stated.

"We also studied the situa-Soviet relations."

tion in Lebanon and Lebanese-Mr. Soldatov meanwhile announced that Mr. Sytenko would visit President Elias Sarkis on Monday before leaving Le-

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The missing link

A suggestion has been made by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat -- and endorsed in its tenor and intent by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance -that Jordan and the PLO form some sort of formal link between them before the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference is resumed. The idea is that such a formal link would smooth the way for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation at the Geneva talks, or the inclusion of such a joint entity in a larger Arab delegation. In other words, it wou' I be a procedural move designed to facilitate the reconvening of the Geneva talks, from which substantive progress towards an Arab-Israeli peace would then be more likely to emerge. Mr. Vance, in his airborne news conference Friday, said this was a "constructive suggestion" and that it narrowed the procedural differences holding up the reconvening of the Geneva talks. Mr. Vance added: "It begins to move towards suggestions which have been made by the Israelis as to how the Palestinian question might be resolved...'

In fact, the suggestion is constructive, both in its short-term procedural aims and in its long-term substantive implications. It is rather perplexing to hear all the talk about establishing links between the Jordanian and Palestinian people, because such links already exist. They are deep, wide and historic. They are physical, economic, political and social in nature. The task that remains to be done in the wake of, or within the context of, a Middle East peace settlement is for these ties to be formalised and institutionalised.

The suggestion of President Sadat, as endorsed in principle by Mr. Vance, surely reflects majority thinking within both Jordanian and Palestinian circles. But if it is sensible as long-term policy, its hurried application in the short term may sow the seeds of early capitulation that will only hamper the Arab-Israeli negotiating process in the long run. It would be a mistake for the Arabs (or the Americans) to devise procedural frameworks designed clearly and only to overcome Israeli objections. If the PLO is slipped into the Geneva talks under the robes of a Jordanian or an all-Arab delegation, this will only make the Israelis more intransigent and more drunk on the wine of their "procedural" success, and it will make the full future consideration of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict that much more difficult. It would be bad policy and bad precedent for the Arabs or the Americans to accommodate the Israeli mania about the PLO in this manner. The essential but missing link in the Arab-Israeli peace process today is Israeli recognition of the Palestinian reality. Everything else required for genuine peace is in place. The task of the world's would-be peace-makers is to face up to the immense difficulties of Israeli stonewalling on the PLO, not to play along with it. The problem must be faced, not evaded, if we are serious about peace, and If we are to make the Israelis equally serious about peace.



Jagjivan Ram spells only trouble for Indira Gandhi

against the continuing state of

emergency imposed by Mrs. Gandhi 19 months ago,

his new vecture, to be called Congress for Democracy, in-clude two recently deposed ch-

ief State Ministers, H. N. Bahu-

guna of Uttar Pradesh and Mrs.

Nandini Satpathy of Orissaa.

Uttar Pradesb is the most popu-

lous of India's 22 states and has beeo the power base of each of

Mr. Ram bimself is from the

state of Bihar, as is Mr. Java-

prakasb Narayan, the leader of

the other new opposition party,

its prime ministers.

Those backing Mr. Ram in

My Mohan Ram Th.: Christian Science Monitor News Service. NEW DELHI. - The drama-tic decision of Mr. Jagjivan Ram to quit his government post and, with five key followers, set up a new political party to fight Prime Minister Indira

Gandii in the Indian elections next month is having these effects: - - lt has given the morale of the political opposition a major

boost. - It underlines tensions in-

side Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party and plays havoc with ber prospects for a landslide victory at the polls March 16-20.

-- It almost certainly beralds a post-election sbakedown in a makeshift organisation known the Congress Party, even if it as Janata.

the emergency, the contours of the Congress ranks to rally to his cause -- already have rethe election campaign will chsulted in a net gain in strengange dramatically, say obserth for the oppositioo. Previous-ly it had pinned its bopes for vers bere. victory on a voter backlash

An imponderable is the crucial vote of the socially and economically underprivileged classes whom Mr. Ram has long represented, belorging as be does to the onetime "untouchable" stratum of the Hindu caste system.

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In 1971 the untouchables voted overwhelmingly for the Congress Party, and their vote -ranging from 15 to 25 per cent of the total in local electoral districts -- was decisive for Mrs. Gandhi.

The extent of response to Mr. Ram's initiative and wbe-ther the crisis be has forced will grow into a vertical split in the Congress Party as hap-

PERSPECTIVE IN Subtle, all too subtle

It is unusual for an Israeli premier to boast that Israel is militarily stronger than all the Arab countries combined, as Mr. Yitzhak Rabin did Friday.

The usual line is that Israel - - although perfectly capable of thrashing the Arabs within an inch of their backward lives -- carries off its remarkable feats through a mixture of ingenuity and bravado peculiar to the Israeli mentality, laced with a healthy dose of the much vaunted qualitative superiority that Israel maintains against its bungling but quantitatively superior Arab foes.

The picture Israel has projected for years is that of a small and defenceless country that would wither away and die without constant transfusions of life-giving but sophisticated (and therefore genteel) weapons of destruction -- first it was the infamous napalm bombs and now the CBU-72, not to mention tha nuclear arsenal Israel seems to be assembling on the slv.

What is remarkable about Mr. Rabin's statement is that although Israel is confident of its military impregnability, it does not go around announcing that fact to the world.

As an interesting aside, it is worth pointing out that Israel has almost never been outnumbered by the Arabs in the battlefield. As a curious footnote to history, it ought to be said that in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973 Israel has actually faced inferior numbers in its engagements with the Arabs. For exaple, when Israel faced off the Egyptian army in Sinai in 1967. the Israeli force outnumbered the Egyptian one by a good ten thousand men or more. Although initially outnumbered by the Egyptians on the Suez front in 1973, they soon enough tipped the imbalance in their favour to launch their own counter-offensive. Israel was fighting the elite Egyptian shock troops, not the body of the Egyptian army.

But enough of this meandering. I am no doubt suffering from shock in the aftermath of Mr. Rabin's statement. Which brings us back to the point : Why did he ever say what he did ?

The explanation that comes to mind is that Carter's decision not to go ahead with the sale of the "dirty" concussion bombs promised by former President Ford at a moment of particuilar weakness during the campaign to woo Jewish voters in the United States must have

been a blow to the insecure Israeli ments which delights in the capacity for overkill,

No doubt in place of the CBU-72 asphy. tion bombs Israel will get something equ deadly albeit not as offensive to to the mor scruples of Western public opinion -- not there had been an outcry in the first pl

Yet the soft-spoken U.S. Secretary of S Cyrus Vance has scored a bit of a coup putting tha tinlest bit of pressure on a neu gic point without actually threatening is with a break in U.S. military support.

Despite the assurances that the measure not directed against Israel, it is clear that timing of the White House announcement meant to give Mr. Vance a tiny lever for r sure as he was sounding out Israel's respo veness to peace offers.

Rabin, who faces a perilously close which will decide who is to lead the La Party in the coming general elections, ha placate the voters, who will no doubt think a monumental bungler if they are left with impression - - although untrue - - of fading military support for Israel. Yet in the probe admitted that far from being about b swept under by its Arab foes, Israel in fact all the arms it needs - - for the moment at 1

The Carter administration is committe the "security and safety of Israel" as Mr. V made adamantly clear during his stopover. the U.S. can now afford to delay the deli of arms, if it so wishes, without appearin "imperil" Israel's existence.

At the same time, Rabin found himse the embarrassing position of having the vis U.S. secretary of state conduct separate parallel negotiations with his arch-rival. Shimon Peres. Either Mr. Vance was t: precautions or he was playing the two me against each other.

Mr. Vance's double-pronged tactic did e a response. He managed to catch the Israel ders off balance, but only slightly so. Wh such tactics will make a real difference i end remains to be seen.

The new secretary of state clearly doe go for spectacular results full of sound fury, signifying nothing, as his erstwhile decessor Dr. Henry Kissinger, Mr. Vance tedly speaks softly but means what be The fear now is that be is perhaps speak little too softly to be heard.

OAU foreign ministers meet next week to discuss some tricky African problems

By Jeremy Toye ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 19, (R). — Africa's continuing preoccupations with the removal of colonialism and white racism, together with some of the trickier problems involving alrea-dy-independent states, are likely to provide most interest at next week's meeting in Togo of

South Africa and the white mi- mic capital of Benin, by ... nority government in Rhodesia to disputes between some of. the 48 member states. This year's session has the

officially described as mercenaries. OAU's assistant general has been in BL

added interest of being one of the few to be beld outside Addis Ababa, the organisation'a beadquarters. Sudan has led

investigate the affair, an. expected to report at th cil. Benin has called for cial meeting of foreign ters to discuss it

With some African

PRESS COMMENTARY ARAB

Two of the Jordanian dailies Saturday commented on the unchanging U.S. Middle East policy and on Mr. Cyrus Vance's visit to the region.

AL RA'I, under the heading "Convictions have not changed," says that an Arab political consensus presently exists accepting the inevitability of the role of the U.S. in solving the Middle East crisis. without, on the other hand. the existence of any U.S. obligation towards that consensus. This change in the Arab position was not the result of any alteration in the U.S. policy towards the region, which is still committed to protect and support Israeli existence and expansion. If there has been no change in U.S. convictions, the paper as asks, why then have the Arabs changed theirs ?

The U.S. is still convinced that the existence of a stroog Israel is a necessary coodition of peace and peace negotiations, the paper asks, why then U.S. determining the context or extect of that notice or outlining the borders of that state. The U.S. is also convinced that the "interests of the Palestinian people" are something totally different from its entity, personality and legitimate rights.

In spite of its acceptance of the existence of the interests of the Palestinians, Washington still believes that discussion of these should be with any party Other than the Palestinians themselves, for the U.S. does not believe in, or accept, the existence of a Palestinian people, the paper says.

The U.S. also believes, the paper aods, that it is totally committed to the support of the 'Israeli democracy' wbile it denies its support to the "democracy" of an Sumi or that of the Republic of South process, the paper concludes.

Africa or even the Mafia "democracy".

According to what logic, the paper asks, can one accept that a "democracy" may allowed to forcibly rule the unwilling people of Jerusalem and permit it to deal with these people by means of tanks, imprisonment and banishment -and still be called a democracy ?

AL DUSTOUR, under the heading "One view of Vance's mission." says that the U.S. secretary of state had the opportunity, during his present visit, to find out that the Arab confrontation states are working within the framework of a unified strategy, which places them in a stronger position and makes their visioo of the future clearer.

While oo one cao predict the outcome of Mr. Vance's miss-ion, one can safely say that it is an attempt to seize every opportunity which may help bring the regioo closer to peace, the paper says. In any case, the paper adds, the mission reflects two facts : The failure of the Israelis to freeze the peace momentum and the U.S. conviction that such a freezing is of no use; and secondly, the U.S. initiative to assume a more positive role in the region in proportion to its interests in this part of the world.

If Mr. Vance had seen the existence of a positive Arab stand and has been convinced of the Arab sincerity in wanting a just peace, the paper says, then he shall have to make large effort to convince Israel of the impossibility of having both land and peace, and should dissuade the Israelis from their traditional manoeuvres aimed at wasting time; a factor most essential to the peace

wins beavily at the polls. Otherwise, still more tensions might be generated if Mr. Ram's breakaway group became an alternative focus for Congress policies and program-

The dimensions of the crisis triggered by the former minister of food and agriculture are not yet clear. But his full identification with the aspirations and demands of the opposition - and his call for others in

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RADIO JORDAN

It was in Bihar that Mr. Narayan launched his "total revolution" movement in 1975 to topple Mrs. Gandhi but which instead brought on the state of emergency. A joint campa-ign by Mr. Ram and Mr. Narayan in Bihar poses a serious threat to the Congress Party, because the state has 54 seats

in parliament, secood only to Uttar Pradesb, with 84. If other sections of the Congress Party join Mr. Ram in backing the demand for ending

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8:30 The Muppets

10:00 News in English

10:15 Rockford files

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gely on the party's nominations for the March election, observers think.

Most state leaders have delegated the task of choosing no-minees to Mrs. Gandhi and to the youth wing of the Congress Party led by her son, Sanjay. If Congress members are disappointed with these nominations, they may choose either to rally to Mr. Ram or work at cross purposes to the nominees.

the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Ministerial Coun-The meeting of OAU foreign

ministers from Feb. 21 to 28, is formally designed to consider budgetary matters, an important but uncootroversial aspect of an organisation whose financial problems are rarely aired in public.

But such gatherings have in tha past always included poli-tical discussion, ranging from predictable condemnations of

for removing the headquarters elsewhere and this has evoked sympathetic response among some OAU staff and African diplomats concerned by recent violent events in the Ethiopian capital

Yet the Ministerial Council itself can make no decision on such a move; the decision would need a two-thirds majority of beads of state.

One topic almost certain to be raised is last month's mysterious raid on Cotonou, econo-

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reluctant to leave their car: either for security or . sheer pressure of work, ing them together has been a problem. In addition to this ye

ads-of-state conference reville, Gabon, there a summits planned in Cal month on Afro-Arab (tion, and, at a date sti fixed, on the former : colony of Western Sah

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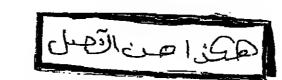
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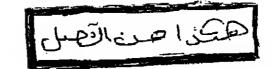
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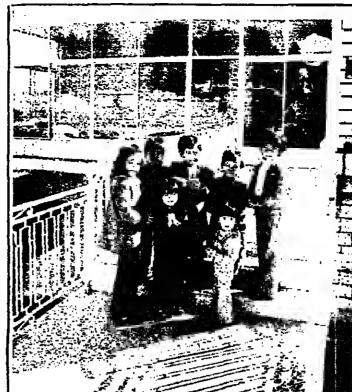
ager and her donkey trudge along the hilly path between F'heis and Salt. (Photo :: Lyons) 27 10-3

Programme head due Amman IN Tuesday

World Food

AMMAN (JNA) - The Executive Director of the World Food Programme, Mr. Robinson, is due in Jordan Tuesday on a six-day visit, during which he will hold talks with Agriculture Minister Salah Jum'a and other officials aimed at supporting Jordanian projects which are part of the programme Mr. Robinson will also visit afforestation and land reclamation projects.

He will be accompanied by the director of the administra-tive section of the food prog-ramme and the head of the North African and Middle Eastern section.



Children of the Chinese community in Amman Thursday congratulate one another on the joyous first day of the Chinese Lunar Year.

A LETTER OF THANKS

for the successful operation on my daughter,

Eeman, at the University of Jordan Hospital. I also

offer my gratitude to Dr. Abdallah Hassan, Dr.

Fuad Ramzi, Dr. Nayef Gheishan, Dr. Issam Naber,

and all the nurses and the staff of the hospital for

their noble feelings and services. May God keep

will be closed on Friday, Saturday and

Sunday Feb. 18-20 on the occasion of the

CHINESE LUNAR YEAR.

SURPRISE

Zuhdi Ahmad Al Qa'ud,

and his brother Abu Ja'far

Happy New Year

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I would like to thank Dr. Suleiman Dahabreh

Committee to discuss Jordanian, Syrian development strategy

AMMAN (JNA). - The subcommittee formed by the Jordanian-Syrian Committee on Development and Planning will discuss next week in Damascus the coordination of the two countries' development strategies and discuss a number of suggestions relevant to the subject. A Jordanian team led by Se-Cretary General of the National Planning Council (NPC). Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jaber will leave Sunday to participate in the

sub-committee's three-day me-

eting. The sub-committee is also

schedule to discuss the formulation of joint rules of contact and agreement with consultant companies extrusted to study and implement development projects.

The members of the Jordanian team will deliver two lectures on Jordan's experience in economic planning, Dr. Abdul Jaber said Saturday.

The Jordanian team also includes the Director of Research at the Central Bank, Dr. Jawad Anani, and a number of NPC officials.

NATIONAL NOTES

* AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a cable of condolences to His Majesty King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi royal family and people on the death of the late Emir Abdul Aziz Ibo Musa'id.

* AMMAN. — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni Saturday received in his office the Syrian Ambassador in Amman Abdul Karim Al Sabbagh.

* AMMAN. — Acting Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Zaki Al Qussus Saturday received in his office Jordao's Ambassa-dor in Paris Dr. Khalil Al Salem.

AMMAN. — Execution of the southern Gbor irrigation project was discussed at a meeting chaired by Agriculture Minister Salah Jum'a in his office Saturday, when progress up to the present was reviewed. The meeting was attended by he ministry's under secre-tary and other officials, including the project maoager.



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dan News Agency in Paris, M. de Guiringand said the time is integrity, independence and national sovereignty. Referring to the questioo of Jordan's participation at the Geneva Middle East peace coo-ference, he said : "Jordan had taken part in the first meeting

of the conference and therefore is entitled to share in the forthcoming one." M. de Guiringaud commended Jordanian-French relations, saying they are based oo "mu-

tual understanding and cooper-ation io all fields." Development bank opens

meeting

of Governors of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa began its meeting here

Saturday. The board, presided over by Jordan's Finance Minister Dr. Mohammed Dabbas, will disc-

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan

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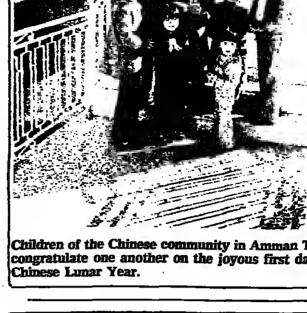
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ibyan dinar	780.0	805.0
JAE dirham	85.4	86.0

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JORDAN TIMES, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1977

According to passenger of lost Ugandan plane

Idi Amin: Not such a hater of the British as many

One of the passengers on board the plane that force-landed in a remote part of southern Sudan with 16 Britons was Juddith, Countess of Listowei -- better known as Juddith Listowel, journalist and author of many books about Africa, one of the most recent a biography of Uganda's President Amin.

For two days planes searched for the aircraft and its passengers and for some time there were fears for their lives.

They had almost no food and little water. Arrested by game wardens, they walked miles through the bush to the nearest village.

Back in Kampala, Judith Listowel, at 72 the oldest of the passengers, did not wait for a plane to Nairobi, her next call, but took a 15-hour bus ride.

She is that kind of indomitable woman. She told Gemini: "Forty-two hours without food improved my figure -- but the thirst was hard, so was the walk in the dark."

After her rescue Judith and her fellow-passengers were royally treated by President Amin. In this special report for Gemini News Service she makes a new analysis of the character of one of the most controversial figures on the world scene today.

By Judith Listowel

NA1ROBI, (Gemini). - Field Marshal Idi Amin Dada, President of Uganda, is a very com-plex character. Some people go as far as saying that he is three different people in one, who have only three things in common: immense vitality, sudden unpredictability and unorthodox priorities.

In a calm mood, Idi Amin is all kindness and courtesy; in a hot temper he issues and carries out brutally senseless or-ders; in a pukish mood he staggers even his closest assistants.

Charisma has carried him through the last six years and en-ahled him to hold the loyalty of the army, the lynchpin of every military regime. Idi Amin displayed the most attractive side of his personality at the time a plane carrying his 16 Britisb guests to the 6th anniversary of his take-over had vanished in northeast Uganda.

No sooner had the first May-Day message come through than be dropped everything -he was in the midst of diplomatic negotiations -- and gave instructions for their rescue. When these did not lead to quick success, on Feb. 1. he

earch He grounded his entire airforce (petrol is limited in Ug-anda) and, dividing the area in which the Haviland Twin-Otter

took personal control of the

but it would not be honest on plane was supposed to have force-landed into wide strips, my part, cr on toat of any Ug-andan to forget who were our had each one searched systeoriginal teachers and friends." matically.

As he told me, he literally could not sleep until be knew that his guests were safe. with great simplicity. The implication was clean he wanted Oiplomatic relations to be res-When at last it emerged that tored and have old friends m unwittingly we had crossed the evidence again. border into the Sudan, he coning: just now callle ranching tacted President Jaafar Nimeiri, and within a few bours a has been entrusted to a farmer, plane from Sorote Flying Scho-George Magnay, and Peter Gayol found the village to vbich mer, a British-born Kenyen, has Sudanese game wardens had marched us under arrest. been put in charge of dairy farming.

When we reached Kampala, Amin provided us with every conceivable comfort; be even had all telephone connections with the nile mansions (where we were staying) cut so that no one should disturb us.

joined the Obote forces marching towards Kampala, with Ta-nzanian backing, there were mass arrests and many died. On Feb. 3 the president invited us to a conversation. He opened it with the following statement: "Unfortunately there are difficulties in our rela-Amin's orders issued in a towtions with Britain, but I will ering rage, and how many killed in trioal fighting, may ne-ver be known. Had Ooote gone never forget what we -- what 1 -- owe the British.

"They have made me what I am -- they have taught me to another country; Britain, Nigeria, Algeria, Canada, in fact anywhere else but Tanza-nia, many thousands would be here to tell their tales. When Amin is in one of nis nuckish moods, he will do

extraordinary things. For instance, in the case of Denis Hills whom he had arrested and condemned to death without any legal proceedings because of a book he was writting on his military regime, those who know nim well assert that he had no intention of killing him -- he wanted to teach him a good lesson: make oim crawl

and oever again "write nonsense" When President Mobutu Se-

se Seko of Zaire tactfully po-inted out his mistake, he gave way hut wanted to save his face. The visit of James Callaghan, then Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, achi-eved that, and Denis Hills fiew to Britain with him, while his wife and younger son remained in Uganda.

Amin's health and physical strength are incredible. He sleeps, on an average, four hours a night. it is perfectly normal for him to ring at 2 or 3 in the morning one of his few fully trusted advisers, have an ho-ur's conversation, then turn in for a short rest and be on the telephone again at 5.30 a.m. After a light breakfast and a visit to his family -- four wives and 16 children -- the officiai routine begins at 8 o'clock. But amidst the mass of work he does, Amin never forgets his physical fitness. Come what may, he takes exercise; he swims, or boxes, or runs, or plays baskethall.

His youngest wife, Sarah, is also an excellent player. Dur-

ing the anniversary celeorations, at his Kampala lodge, the president and Sarah with their team three times defeated the ambassadors' basketball team

Its most energetic member was the Chinese ambassador, half Amin's height, who fought for the ball like a tiger trying to wrench it from Amin. Amin will refer to himself as an old man, although be is only 49 years old and does not look his

And now we come to Amin's unorthodox priorities. If he feels that Uganda needs better protection, he will order a plane or two regardless of price (and of cuts in vital matters which this expense necessita-tes); or he will concentrate on some aspect of agriculture. Uganda's life-line, like the cattle and dairy scheme which will cost £30 million provided by the Saudis and the Kuwai-

Libyan money is used to hu-ild a new hospital, other Arah money for expanding a home for the physically handicapped. It is not the new plans that are adapted to the oudget, it is the budget that has to be adapted to the president's latest ideas. Some are brilliant: as for in-

stance his announcement that foreign buyers must come to Uganda to purchase coffee and take it out by their own means of transport. With the rise of the price of coffee from 2400 to 22,500 a ton. this is no mean matter.

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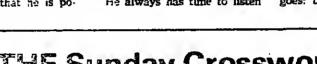
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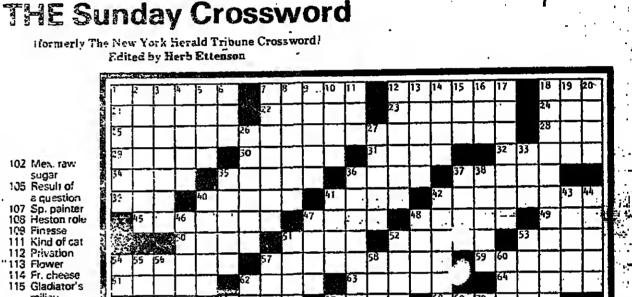
gular with the men and in full control of them. He spends much time in the berracks talking to other ranks; he sings with them and plays in their He always has time to listen

to their problems, complaints and grievences. He needs the army and be knows that the army needs him. For an outsider it is impossible to tell in the last resort whose word goes: that of the ranking offi-

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cers or that of the president Or is there a balance and th ultimate victor not yet deck ed? The people to whom I tail ed firmly believed that Amin Dada would carty day.







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LAGOS, Nigeria (CSM). --bility at home a prime concern. years ago. Nigerians have taken another Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo has ted government.

the first local elections since come under a five-stage politi-

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CSM)

- Long after hot days have melted the last snowdrift, re-

minders of this winter are likely to remain in three key

areas -- production of goods,

Ordinarily, says Lawrence B.

Krause, senior fellow of the

Brookings Institution, econo-

mists treat a weather crisis "like a major strike" -- in

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But, says Mr. Krause, this

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Political parties remained banned for the December elections, but the elections were not without controversy. They were direct in some states and indirect in others, a disparity that several politicians have protested. There also were some charges of bribery and other irregularities which are being investigated by special appeal committees.

Some well-known political figures were defeated in the elections hy younger relatively unknown men and women. Se veral women were elected in the north, where women had not voted in the past.

The newly elected councillors have been given the mission of "nging the govern-ment closer to the people" under a reformed local government system.

The president's policy, in ot-

persists through February, "the first quarter" will be lowered -- with damaging effects on computers.

A growth rate of nearly 5 per cent is needed to begin to cut into the nation's 7.9 per

Yet, says Charles L. Schultze, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) : "Most forecasts (for 1977) are clustered in the 4.5 to 4.75 per cent range."

President Carter's \$31.2-billion economic stimulus package -- with \$15.5 billion of the stimulus due to come this fiscal year -- was designed to boost the growth rate enough to reduce unemployment, hopefully, to less than 7 per cent by the year end.

Now, however, comes the weather crisis, with roughly two million Americans temporarily out of work, over and above the 7.5 million people who are the long-term job-

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that West Germany and Japan will follow the U.S. lead in expanding their economies, despite some inflationary risks. If, however, prolonged cold weather reduces the U.S. growth rate, it might be harder for

less to avoid inflation. So, adds Mr. Krause: "The broad consensus that now exists," centred on President Carter's stimulus package, "must disappear". Already some Republican le-

gislators are urging that tax reductions be made permanent, as former President Ford proposed. Mr. Carter wants a one-shot \$11.4-billion tax rebate offered to almost all Americans, with permanent tax ch-

ather, says Mr. Krause, would

"sharpen policy options," with

some congressmen arguing for

more stimulation, other urging

anges awaiting basic tax reform At the other end of the scale the AFL-CIO and some liberal Democrats want to beef up spending, beyond Mr. Carter's proposals, to create public works and public service jobs.

her words, was coming under some congressional pressure, even before the iron grip of what may become the century's worst winter sent economists back to their slide rules and

The Senate, meanwhile, passed emergency natural gas legislation, designed to allocate scarce supplies of gas to hardhit areas of the country

Implications of the U.S. weather crisis, which may cause many factories to remain closed for longer than expected, are not confined to the United States.

Mr. Carter'a stimulus package was aimed, in part, at widening the American market for goods from U.S. trading partners whose economies are stalled. White House officials hope

Great Britain, France, Italy and other economically troubled nations to expand their exports

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uent assembly will work on. Basically it recommends the American type of execubve oresidency. It also proposes a mixed economy for the country. At least one critic, Dr. Mike Ukpong of the new University of Calabar, said in an interview

that the introduction of "certain elements of socialism" into the otherwise capitalist economic system could lead to a lot of problems.

Dr. Ukpong would like to see the country's policymakers adopt a political and economic system that would allow the states to have their own constitutions designed to suit their individual cultures

Criticising the proposed method of electing the country's president, Dr. Ukpong said it was so regionally oriented that it would entail the risk of another civil war since it would make it possible for a tribal leader to emerge as president even though he did not have countrywide support.

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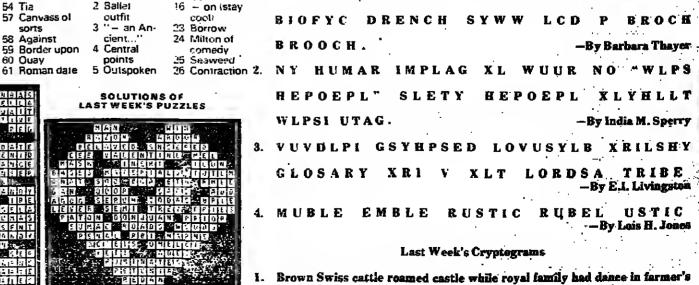
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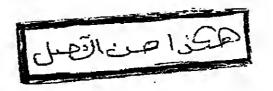
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BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

(2) 1977 by Chicago Tribune East-West vulnerable,

ath yon hold: . VAK7 OAK3 4KJ762 bidding has proceeded: West North East Pass Pass Dble.

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t action do you take?

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South, vulnerable. ■ ♥AKJ107 093 48

pidding has proceeded: h West North East Pass 1 + Pass. t do you bid now?

[hree hearts. A jump shift passed hand is forcing for ound on opener. Don't settle pusillaoimous raise to four s-there are too many partner could have which i produce slam opposite

-Naither vulnerable, as h you hold: 02 ♥9532 ◇Q82 ♠K73 m ner opens the bidding one hearL What do you ond? .

ke such a balanced minimum ; we do not want to encourage ner unduly despite our p support. We suggest you and one no trump, then see partner's reaction is.

> -As South, vulnerable, hold: 10643 ♥1092 OKJ5 45 bidding has proceeded: t North East Sonth

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'An opponent has bid'

source of tricks to try a no trump contract, and you will never get to play two spades if you make that bid now - partner will think: you're cue bidding.

Q.5-East-West vulnerable. as South you hold: **♦ AQJ109 ♡KQJ5 ◊ Q72 ♦**5 The bidding has proceeded:

North East, South West Pass Pass 1 + Pass 20 Pass 2 🌣 Pass 2NT Pass 2. What do you bid now?

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Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as

A .- There are those who would open one clnh to provide an easy rehid of one spade. Hnwever, it is not our practice to open on a three-card club suit which does not contain the queen or a higher honor. Since we do not like opening three-card diamond suits if we can avoid it, our choice is one spade. If necessary, we would even rehid our spades—it certainly is a better suit than many five-carders

we've seen. Q.7-As South, vulnerable with 60 on score, you bold: +KJ103 ♥A82 073 +AQ83 The bidding has proceeded:

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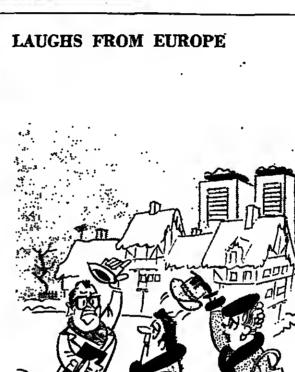
values are all prime we are hap py to cooperate. By cue-bidding the ace of hearts, we will assure him about that suit, which may be all the urging he needs to seek greater heights.



GRAFF IS THIS 67171-2-3-4 I'D LIKE TO RESERVE A SPACE FOR AN AD IN THE JORDAN TIMES.

TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURES SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN:

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RECYCLE -- This acid waste recycling unit is one of the largest and most up-to-date in the world, having recently been completed in Worms, West Germany, at a cost of 35 million marks. At a chemicals plant, where a main component of acrylic glass is manufactured, sulphuric acid is completely withdrawn and recycled from the effluent stage of the production cycle. Chemicals manufacturers in West Germany are, incidentally, major investors in Third World countries too. By the end of last year, their overseas investments totalled 2,500 million marks.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 20, 1977



GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day for you to think of new ideas which you would like to put in effect. Also, a time to sudy the principles under which you like to live and operate in the days ahead.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) State your ideas to others in an honest way and get excellent results. Engage in social pleasures that appeal to you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Discusa the future with mate and come to a complete understanding. Sidestep an outsider who is too talkative.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Know what your true personal aims are and then go after them in a positive fashion. Avoid a tronblemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to gain the added prestige you want and go after it in a most intelligent way. Stop apending money foolishly.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Good day to study your surroundings and to make plans for improving it. Be more broadminded in civic matters for best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make sure you carry through with promises you have made. Don't neglect to meditate. Show more devotion to mate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Outside conditions are shaping up for you that could be most favorable in the future. Avoid one who is a troublemaker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Many responsibilities are ahead of you and serious application will see them soon behind you. Sidestep an annoying gossip.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A day to enjoy yourself at outlets that are appealing to you. Put your creative thoughts to work at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to find out what kin desire of you and try to make them happy. Make the evening a happy one with family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can easily handle any problematical affairs now since your mind is open to suggestions. Don't neglect correspondence.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Do some tall thinking now and figure a way to add to present abundance. Make future nlans but avoid the expenditure of money.



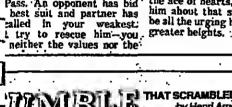
game, but you do not.yet know which is the best game. We would hid three diamonds, to complete the description of our hand by highlighting the cinb-singleton. Our second choice would be three spades, with three no trump a poor third.

South you hold: ◆AKQJ ♥863 ◇A72 ◆954 What is your opening bid?

Sonth West North East

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JORDAN TIMES, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1977

Spain allocates £36m. to modernise police force, end rough tactics

MADRID, Feb. 19 (R). - The demonstrators have angered Spanish government allocated an additionel four billion pesetas (£36 million) to its police forces today for changes linked to Spain's progress towards democracy.

The funds are intended to give the 65,000-strong parami-litary civil guard and the 34,000-man armed police force, better arms and equipment to combat urban guerrillas, mod-ern training in controlling cro-wds and demonstration and new quarters to boost the policemen's morale.

The extra spending was au-thorised by a royal decree today in spite nf an economic recession and efforts to cut other forms of public spending. The cabinet last night also approved a series of economic measures which will be anno-

unced on Tuesday. An official communique said the measures would include tax reform, more flexible bank interest rates and export incentives to reduce a foreign trade deficit which last year reached

\$8.5 billion. Officials admit that the civil guards, who patrol Spain's frontiers and rural areas, have at times used their guns for lack of training and suitsble equipment in controlling street demonstrations.

Police methods nf dispersing

opposition parties, especially in the restive Basque provinces of northern Spain. Violent street demonstrations

by Spanisb Communists are feared if the outlawed party is not allowed to contest the coming elactions.

The Supreme Court is expec-ted to decide within the next few weeks if the Communist Party should be made legal despite a penal code ban on groups which are totalitarian and subject to international discipline.

The police forces are preparing for possible street disturbances during the run-up to general elections in the spring, Spain's first democratic polls since the civil war. Much of the new budget all-

ncation will be spent on police training and sophisticated crime investigation facilities. Under the late Gen. Franco, police had often been accused by opposition groups of resorting to insture to obtain informacil meeting.

The increased budget, which would also finance the construction of new quarters for the civil guards and police, was spparently intended to curb discontent within the security for-

About 400 policemen protesting against pay and working

conditions demonstrated outside the interior ministry in December, resulting in the arrest of most of the demonstrators and the dismissal of the top three police chiefs.

EGYPT ASKS U.N. TO PUBLICISE **ISRAELI SINAI**

SETTLEMENT PLANS UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 19,

(R). - Egypt Thursday asked the U.N. to circulate a summary of statements by Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi condemning recent Israeli actions connected with the establishment of a belt nf settlements in occupied Sinai.

The request was contained in a latter from Egyptian U.N. representative Ahmad Esmat Abdul Meguid to council President James Murray nf Britain. He did not request a coun-

Mr. Fahmi stated this week that a request by the World Zionist Organisation for permission to set up 15 new settlements and the evictinn of 1,500 Arab families reflected an expansionist policy which obstructed peace

MADRID, Feb. 19 (AFP). - The Spanisb, Italian and French Communist party leaders Santiago Carrillo, Enrico Berlinguer and Georges Marchais, will meet here during the first weak in March the Spanish party an-

The Spanish party is to ask authorities bere for permission to organise a big rally to coincide with the meeting, the announcement said.

The Spanish government will not prevent the three communist leaders and their associates from meeting but does not in-tend to allow the gathering to be transformed into the "Euro-Communist summit" which earlier statements from the Spa-nisb Communists had spoken of, sources close to the government declared.

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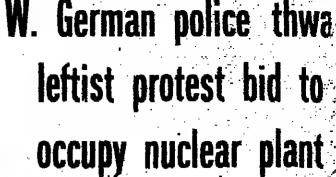
U.K. football roundup Liverpool roars back to div. 1 top spot

LONDON, Feb. 19, (R). - Li-verpool, knocked off the top of the English first division in midweek, roared back to first Free-scoring Wolverhampton Wanderers moved into second place, ahead of Bolton on goal place today with a 3-1 win over struggling Derby County.

lpswich relinquished their lead following a 1-0 defeat aga-inst Leicester while Manchester City, undefeated in 17 games, surprisingly crashed 1-0 away to lowly Bristol City. Champlons Liverpool were

I-0 down at half-time against Derby, Kevin Hector giving his side hopes of their first away win in the league this season, But irrepressible Liverpool st-ormed back with goals by John Toshack, Joey Jones and Kev-in Keegan for a comfortable victory.

having to sell up and close do-wn, but now their luck seems It was a day of shocks in division one, West Ham United to have changed for the better, scoring a fine 3-2 away win tained their lead at the top with against Arsenal and bottom-ofthe-table Sunderland crushing an easy 3-0 home win against northeastern neighbours Midd-Grimsby, followed by Mansfilesbrough 4-0. eld, 4-1 winners against York, Manchester United's recent and Rotherham who won 2-1



The police, backed by units of the paramilitary frontier police, mobile water cannon and belicopters, closed all roads to the area alongside the river

The demonstrators had plan-ned to occupy the site to back their campaign to stop the go-vernment's nuclear energy pro-French, Italian, Spanish communist gramme. About 3,000 police stood rea-

dy behind a moat, barbed-wire obstacles and a five-metre high summit in Madrid fixed for March fence. Hundreds more with au-tomatic weapons, manned sand-bag barricades set up across all access roads about 10 kms from

The show of police force ca-me after Comminist groups threatened to use violence to breach the defences. Police de-tained about 30 demonstrators on their way to the spot and seized equipment which could have been used in any attack.

BROKDORF, West Germany, The site, near the tiny v Feb. 19 (R). — Thousands of for Brokdorf on the river heavily armed riot police today r estuary, was the scene of prevented leftwing demonstra-tors from invading the site of tors from the

ment in West Germany. Today's planned demo tion was banned by the authorities earlier in the but thousands of militanti ny wearing helmets and a still flooded into the area all parts of the country. They had planned to fo way through strong police

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Soares meets Pope

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 19 (R). Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares today assured Pope Paul that his government fully respected the validity of Portu-gal's 1940 treaty with the holy

The Socialist prime minister Soares also spoke about gave the assurance during a 50-minute private audience with Pope Paul, an official Vatcountry's moves towards. ican communique said.

In his reply Pope Paul prais-ed the good relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Portuguese govern-

cracy, as well as of state ch relations. He said these relations firmly based on the 1940 cordat, which governs gal's relations with the E Catholic Church.

Pravda attacks Sadat

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (R). — The Soviet Union launche attack on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat today bighlig the already strained relations between Cairo and Moscoy

The attack came in a lengthy editorial in the Came Party daily. Pravda which accused the president of slander and falsification" in his reminiscences on the S role in the Middle East.

Moscow was clearly stung into a sharp response by memoirs, which are currently being serialised in a Calro wi magazine

In trying to suggest that the Soviet Union aband.

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Summit of Western

industrial nations

likely to be held

almost certainly be held in London in May, Prime Minis-ter James Callaghan said here yesterday. Its task would be to overcome "the deepest recession

this world has seen for 30 years," he told a meeting. President Carter has already said that he would attend this

Saudi Arabia accuses Western

economic summit. Other heads of state or government attend-ing will be from France, West Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan and Britain. The last such economic sum-

mit was held in Puerto Rico under former President Gerald Ford's chairmanship in late June last year, Informed diplomatic sources said that the London summit

But it is generally agreed that another million or so pe-ople are out of work and not even bothering to look for a was expected to be held about May 12. job, so they do not feature in

force.

the statistics. A breakdown by categories shows that white jobless total 6.7 per cent, blacks 12.5 per cent, young whites 18 per cent and young blacks 36 per cent. The situation is already tense but it is growing more serious with the arrival of 1,700,000

The official jobless figure is bigh. The total was around 7

million in January or 7.3 per cent of the estimated work

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AFP). and the way the work force is calculated, "full employment" With no prospect of a signi-ficant drop in the jobless figure in this country means four per for some time, trade unions in the United States are seeking to spread work more evenly.

eye on inflation danger, is under-taking a moderate boost to the economy that will, it is boped, bring down unemploy-ment to seven per cent at the close of the year and to six or

6.5 per cent next year. With private sector invest-ment still sluggish, there is a growing tendency in the U.S. to blame the 10 million illegal immigrants, mostly Mexicans,

as cure for unemployment

Allowing for worker mobility

cent unemployed or less. The government, with one

for the lack of work. Attorney General (justice mi-nister) Griffin Bell has said he will probably try to obtain legislation banning the recruitment of Illegal immigrants. The trade unions meanwhile seem to be pushing for a fourday week in their negotiations with employers. The United Auto Workers (UAW) union One major reason for this makes no secret of its aim to get a four-day week. This could mean 25 per cent more jobs, when the working week is re-duced from 40 to 32 bours. The United Steel Workers have come up with an unpre-cedented claim. They want gu-aranteed employment for life, and their leaders say this will be a main issue at future nego-tiations.

U.S. trade unions want jobs more evenly spread

nounced today. NEWS BUSINESS

CARTER'S LETTER -- Nobel Peace laureate, Soviet Physicist Andrei Sakharov displays at his Moscow apartment Friday, the letter of support he received from U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Dr. Sakharov is the Soviet Union's most outspoken dissident and campaigner for human rights. (AP wirephoto).

tion would be maintained as

long as the Communist party

had not obtained legal status in

Spain. The party has applied for registration as a legal organisa-tion but was not one of several

leftwing parties legalised by the

The sources said the government would do nothing to hin-der M. Marchais and Signor

government yesterday.

Berlinguer from coming

Spain to meet Senor Carillo. All three men had proper passports and identity documents it not-

Second division leaders Che-

isea dropped another bome po-

int when they were held to a

2-2 draw at home by Plymouth.

difference, with a stunning 5-1

Bolton drew 2-2 away to Hull and with Wolves are now

two points adrift of Chelsea. Blackpool maintained their promotion challenge with a 1-1

away draw against fellow con-

tenders Millwall, while Luton's

2-0 home win over Charlton pushed them into the division

A year ago Luton, heavily in debt, were on the verge of

In division three Brighton re-

Glasgow Celtic appear to be

comping away with the Scott-

ish premier league title. A sho-

ck seemed on the cards as they

trailed 2-1 at half-time away to Ayr, but Celtic shrugged off this setback like true champi-

Celtic have a seemingly invi-

ncible five-point lead over their

nearest rivals Rangers, the cu-

rrent holders of the title. Ran-

gers beat Aberdeen 1-0 to mo-

win against Fulbam,

two title race.

away to Oxford.

ons to win 4-2.

ve into second place.

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ISLAMABAD, Feb. 19 (R). -Saudi Arabia's industry minist-er yesterday accused Western companies of malpractices in. submitting tenders for projects at what be called "exceptionally-high prices". Awarding a \$50-million elec-

tric supply contract to Pakis-tan, Dr. Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Qussaiby said his govern-ment would ban those Western companies whose tenders for the contract were rejected. He did not identify the Wes-

tern companies involved. He said the Pakistan contraters.

ct was a notice to Western new people on the "labour marfirms that Saudi projects wou-ld go to developing countries who could complete them "at ket" per annum compared with 1,000,000 in the 1960's. reasonable prices".

The agreement, which involvtrend is the mass invasion of es supplying power and electri-city to the town of Al Kharaj, workplaces by women. Today 45 per cent of women do work near the capital Riyadh, will be of some kind against 25 per signed in two months. cent three decades ago, Women account for 60 per cent of ex-tra job-seekers in the past two Saudi Arabia would also be sending a list of possibla jo-int ventures to Pakistan, said decades. the minister, who returned home yesterday after two days

Employment experts estimate that 19 million new jobs are ne-eded by 1980 if "full employ-ment" is to be achieved. of talks with Pakistanl minis-

tional action by fixing objec-

tives and setting out guidelines

run of success continued with a 3-1 home win over Newcastie United. Hero for Manchester A 2-0 victory against Crewe kept Cambridge ahead of their rivals in division four. United was Jimmy Greenhoff, who blasted a brilliant hat-trick.

Leeds, who have struggled to find their form at home, notched a 2-1 win against Londoners Tottenham Hotspur. With Sunderland, Bristol City and Everton all winning, Tottenham's relegation fears were heightened by this defeat. Everton pulled off a 1-0 aw-ay win over Stoke, their first victory since Gordon Lee left Newcastie to take over as manager.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

DOMBAY Feb. 19 (AFP). — The Indian opposition has halved the ruling Congress Party's lead in the opinion polls to 10 points in the past week, it was reported here today. The weekly Blitz, which carried out the latest poll, attributed the narrowing nf the gap to last Monday's announcement by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, 76-year-old aunt of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and sister of the late Pandit Nehru, that she would campaign against the government before the March 20 election.

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AFP). - The Soviet Communist Party membership has now topped the 16 million mark, the Soviet news agency Tass has reported. This figure represents approximately 6.6 per cent of the country's population of 258 million people. A breakdown of the current membership shows that 6,500,000 are manual workers. One in four among Soviet engine-ers, technicians, agronomists and teachers joins the Communist Party but only one doctor in six is officially a Communist.

ONDON, Feb. 19 (AFP). - Sources close to King Khaled denied today that the health of the Saudi Arabian sovereign was giving concern to his doctors and that a scheduled hip operation had been postponed because of a bone infection. The king had undergone a hip operation last Tuesday and was continuing to make satisfactory progress, they said.

KUWAIT, Feb. 19 (R). — Sudanese Prime Minister Al Rashid Al Tahir Bakr left here for home today after a five-day visit during which he had to enter hospital suffering from extreme exhaustion. Mr. Bakr was leading a high-level government mission in the course of a Gulf tour. He cancelled a proposed trip to Qatar to return home. Sudanese Charge d'Affaires Mus-tafa Hassan said today an important result of the visit was the "activation" of private Kuwaiti investment in Sudan and the development of economic relations between the two countries.

VINSHASA, Feb. 19 (AFP). - The Zaires post office hit on a dramatic but successful idea for getting its Kinshasa customers to pay their telephone bills -- it disconnected the entire city. Good payers suffered along with the bad and for several days the Zairese capital was cut off from the outside world. Even embassies were not exempt. The shock tactic worked, however, and long queues have been reported outside post offices for the past two days as subscribers rushed to pay their bills. Post office engineers are now busy reconnecting the city.

"Sadat is obviously trying to rewrite the history of n years he is distorting truth..." Pravda said. Western observers said that the timing of today's st

one of the most vitriolic ever launched against Egypt, su: that Moscow was anxious to preserve its credibility with r Arab states.

Puerto Ricans blast 2 they New York skyscrapers Sier

NEW YORK, Feb 19, (R). — distance from the two Bomb blasts rocked two Manings. ings. It was immediately grant forensic experts. The ct hattan skyscrapers late last night, wrecking offices on lo-wer floors and strewing glass were not disclosed. across streets. telephone booths have the

Police described the bombs as powerful but said only two people were slightly hurt. In both cases sections of the

first three floors were ripped ont. The blasts occurred shortly

before midnight, the first at the Gulf and Western building and the second at the Chrysler

building. Candlelight diners in a restaurant atop the Gulf and Western building, which overlooks Central Park, were evacuated. A caller, saying be represen-ted a militant Puerto Rican nationalist group, the FALN, told a local radio station information on the blast had been left in a telephone booth.

Police found an envelope taped inside the booth at an underground train station some

Sri Lankan Communist withdraw from governm

COLOMBO, Feb. 19 (AFP). The Sri Lanka Communist Party, junior partner in the coalition government of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, today an-nounced its resignation from the government and offered to work with all progressive and left forces.

The move gives the party room to manoeuvre in Sri Lanka's present complicated political situation in the wake of the prorogation of parlia-ment on Feb. 10 and ahead of the May 19 general elections. The party said it would op-pose the rightwing of Mrs. Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) but would support government measures considered to be in the interest of the nation.

Its withdrawal from t vernment would also le. free to bring about a mi alignment of progressive es and meet the challe, the opposition United No. Party (UNAP).

Communiques left at

years ago killed four - .

and injured more than

a Wall Street dining ch

feature of FALN attack

most serious of which

Police said a woman

seen depositing a yello

against a marble pillar GULF and Western bi

The two buildings hous

ces of numerous companies, including Oil and subsidiaries of the

The Chrysler building.

giant silver spire, was-New York's tallest sky

until completion of the i.

State building.

the city's best known marks which is topped

and Western group.

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shortly before the blast.

Today's decision was n expected. The Communis ty had strongly sttacked Bandaranaike's decision t rogue parliament, a movwas to prevent mass g ment defections during a to on the government's ha

The government has sa strikes were politically in. and an attempt by the U, bring down the governme,

Year 2000: Hardly enough water to drink

By Anne Weill-Tuckerman

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Feb. 19 (AFP). - There is water, water everywhere, but by the year 2000 it is a certainty there will not be enough to drink.

That is the problem a United Nations conference is to tackle when it meets next month at the Argentine seaside resort of Mar del Plata. The topic for discussion from March 14 to 25 will be one of the world's most common and inexhaustible substances: Water.

Common, because it covers 70 per cent of the earth's sur-face. Inexhaustible, because tha cycle of evaporation and precipitation is a closed circuit in which water that dries up in one place falls as rain somewhere else.

But for all of that, the planet's future supplies of water pose formidable long-term problems that are dramatised by such natural calamities as disastrous floods in Bangladesh or years of killing drought in Africa's parched Sahel region. For man, the overriding problem is that only one ten-thou-sandth of the world's water resources are readily available to him in drinkable form on the earth's surface in rivers, lakes and reservoirs and that a multiplicity of chemical and other pollutants is rapidly reducing its quality. Future development for the world's growing population and, in some regions, life itself are threatened.

Of the world's total water resources, between 93 and 97 per cent is salt water in the seas and oceans and almost all of the rest is ice at the two poles. Only one per cent is fresh water, and 99 per cent of this is located underground. sources. Even in regions where sup-

plies of fresh water have not towing polar icebergs to Saudi

cost of battling pollution refor its people. sults in a steady rise in the cost of usable water. It is for this reason that a lack of good quality water will become a serious bar to agricultural and industrial development and domestic well-being by the end

reached critical levels, the high

of the century. It is not surprising, therefnre, that the main accent of the coming conference will be improving the management of available reserves of water and nn the choices that must be made to prevent a world water crisis. U.N. experts have carried out studies on world water resources and requirements -- 80 per cent of available wa-ter is used for farming -- and on techniques that can be used to improve the quality, use and recycling of water.

is to provide the world's first inventory of water resources. Then there are practical prob-lems. One of these, with top priority, is providing more than 1,000 million people living in rural areas with good drinking water.

the conference by participating governments. There are, for example, studies far projects to regulate the waters of the River Nile, ending the cycle of periodic flooding in the region and releasing vast quantities of water for irrigation and hydro-electric power.

Other papers deal with the battle against pollution caused by paper-making in Finland, the management and utilisation of the waters of the River Volga, policies for maximum use of water in Israel and Mexico's management of its water re-

There are also studies on

And, despite the universal nature of the subject, politics The conference, like nther meetings organised by the U.N. on questions of global scope are expected to break surface such as the environment, women and bousing, is intended

Arabia to provide fresh water for tuture action.

in a big way at Mar del Plata, either over rivers whose waters are claimed by two or more countries, over arguments to serve as a stimulus to naon responsibility for industrial tional and regional programpollution of water or over that mes and to coordinate interna-

veloping Third World.

priorities demanded by the de-

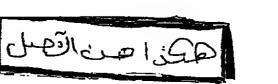
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DUBAI, Feb. 19 (R). -- United Arab Emirates (UAE) Prime Minister Rashid Al Maktum, today opened a three-day conference of agriculture ministers of seven Gulf states. The conference will discuss agricultural cooperation, proposals to utilise underground waters in agriculture, unifying agricultural laws. exploiting fishing resources and setting up regional agricultural institutes. The conference is also attended by the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AFP). — The cost of living was sharp-ly up in the United States in January, reflecting the cold wave that hit most of the country, the Labour Department said yester-day. The retail price index rose by 0.8 to 175.3 (1976:100). This was the sharpest monthly rise in 18 months. The department said the rise was mainly due to increases in food prices, remarkably stable last year, and in energy, motor cars and garments. The department said the January figure did not entirely reflect the impact of the cold weather on price levels. For prices of many items, in particular fresh vegetables, had continued to rise since the beginning of February.

MIENNA, Feb. 19 (R). - Solar energy can make a significant contribution to space and water heating, cooking, refrigeration and some food processing, an international conference bere conchilded. The five-day conference, which ended yesterday, was organised by tha Vienna-based United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Austrian Solar and Space Agency (ASSA). It discussed ways of using the sun's energy to conserve dwindling global reserves of fossil fuels.

DERLIN, Feb 19 (AFP). — The United States yesterday rejected a Soviet warning that plans to open up a direct West Berlin to Zurich air service would he a violation of the agreement on the air corridors to West Berlin. A. U.S. spokesman said the three Western allies intended to make full use of their air traffic rights and would continue to carry out their obligations under the corridor agreement.



The aim of the conference

Altogether, more than 200 papers have been prepared for